

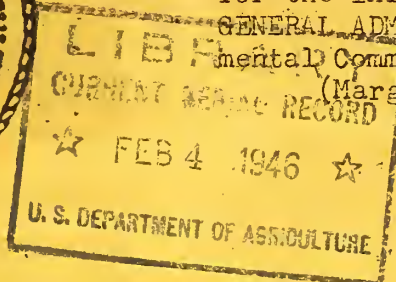
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NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NAMED

At a meeting held December 14 the GS General Administration Board appointed Harold F. Eisele as Assistant Director, GS, to replace Jasper B. Shannon who left to teach in the Army's University Center at Florence, Italy. Dr. Eisele, who has served with the Department in various capacities for several years, needs no introduction to members of USDA. Beginning in the field as Ass't. Technician, Emergency Conservation Work at Bethany, Missouri in 1935, Dr. Eisele has most recently been with the Office of Personnel, Division of Training. In addition to this job he was a member of the Editorial Board, USDA - the Department's newsbulletin - and from all reports will be extensively missed by his co-workers.

A graduate of Iowa State College with a Ph.D. in Plant Ecology and Physiology, he taught there and also in South Dakota. His teaching and administrative work plus his experience in the field and in Washington make him an unusual asset to the GS.

DAILY REMINDER

"I think" is the most overworked expression in the English language, says one professor. Not only that, but it is usually a gross exaggeration!

SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS FEBRUARY 4, 1946

Monday, February 4, marks the opening date of the 1946 Spring semester. Included in its 136 courses, covering varied fields of interest, are five new subjects never before offered: Color Photography; Advanced Spanish Conversation and Literature; Advanced Accounting Problems; Sequential Analysis of Statistical Data: theory and application; American National Government. This last course, suggested by the Secretary's Office, is designed especially to acquaint new employees with the setup and workings of the Federal Government.

Not listed is another course to be given during the Spring term entitled Work Standards, - a follow through on a 3 day meeting of representatives of various departments, chaired by Harlow Person of REA and under USDA auspices. It deals with principles, methods and relationships in developing measurable portions of jobs. Covering a period of 10 weeks for 3 hours per week this course will be in the nature of a seminar, directed by Ralph Shaw, Department Librarian, with special lecturers from various agencies.

CALENDAR FOR SPRING SEMESTER

REGISTRATION - JANUARY 21 to FEBRUARY 4
Hours: 9:00 A. M. to 6:20 P. M.
(1:00 P. M. on Saturdays)

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SPECIAL HOURS: OPEN UNTIL 8:00 P. M.
on January 24 and February 1

CLASSES BEGIN WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4

The GS, most unique of educational institutions, now in its 25th year of operation, serves Federal employees, especially those in the USDA. Its correspondence study program has been given for some time and recently extensive requests have come from field offices for more emphasis on field employees, as illustrated at the Milwaukee meeting for personnel officers and administrators.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Listed on the back of the Spring schedule of classes are the names of 17 instructors, which include some new people who began teaching in the fall semester but whose names failed to appear in the yearly catalog, plus additional names for the Spring term. These new instructors represent several Federal agencies and two local universities - six from USDA; 2 from OPA; 2 from State Department; 1 from ODT; 1 from BB; 1 from University of Maryland; 1 from Georgetown University.

Since Marcus Gordon Brown (Intermediate Spanish) has just left for South America, Theo. Andersson of the State Department is taking over his classes.

COUNSELING FOR GS STUDENTS

Students are invited to counsel with representatives of the Graduate School any time from 9 A.M. to 6:20 P.M., Monday through Friday, in Room 1031, South Building. Special counseling will be available from 5:30 to 6:30 in rooms 6860 and 6862 only, January 21 to 25 inclusive. The following people will represent the fields indicated:

1. Charles F. Sarle - Meteorology.
2. Albert F. Woods - Biological and Physical Sciences.
3. Harry B. Humphrey - Languages and Literature.
4. B. R. Stauber and Joseph Steinberg - Mathematics and Statistics.

5. John Thurston - Public Administration
6. Frederick L. Thomsen and M. J. Wasserman - Social Sciences.
7. Harold Clark - Office Techniques and Operations.

GS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BOARD MEETS

On December 14 the GS General Administration Board convened for the first time during the current school year. Opening with a welcome to Mr. Hutson to his first meeting, the Board reviewed the progress report prepared by the Director; appointed an assistant director; approved the 1945/46 proposed budget; voted a contingency fund; approved written recommendations of the Director concerning GS committee structure with one exception; discussed internship and fellowship programs; approved the Director's replacement for Gove Hambidge on the Departmental Committee of Language and Literature.

SEMINARS IN SAMPLING AND STATISTICAL INFERENCE FOR 1946

Announcement has been made by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of seminars in sampling and statistical inference to be held at 8:10 in the Department of Agriculture, South Building:

Friday, January 18. Col. Leslie E. Simon (Director of Ballistics, Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground). Chairman: Mr. Lawrence W. Shaw (Public Health). Subject: On Sorting Ammunition by Statistical Methods in the Normandy Invasion.

Thursday, February 21. Miss Helen Humes (Bureau of Labor Statistics). Chairman: Dr. John Smith (BLS). Subject: On Sample Design and Field Problems in Connection with Vacancy and Rent Surveys.

Wednesday, March 27. Dr. J. Wolfwitz (N.C. State College). Chairman: Miss Marian Sandomire. Subject: Confidence Limits for a Continuous Distribution when the Form of the Function is unknown.

Copies of the above announcement may be obtained from the GS Office, Room 1031, South Building.

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These seminars, held approximately six times a year under the direction of W. Edwards Deming (Bureau of the Budget) are intended primarily for advanced Graduate School students but are addressed and attended by many leading mathematical statisticians. No fees are charged but registration and building passes are required. People who have been regular attendants in the past years and who have sent in letters of application will receive notices of the seminars, together with a building pass. Applications for new admissions should be sent in writing to the GS Director, stating the applicant's qualifications in statistical theory and practice.

PERSONNEL OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATORS MEET

At a meeting of the USDA Personnel Officers and Administrators held in Milwaukee, December 3-7, the Training Committee discussed, among other subjects, in-service and promotion training, seeking the cooperation of the GS in providing more educational opportunities for field employees. Correspondence courses offer one channel of service but emphasis was placed on the development of courses to be given under the direction of the GS, by competent technicians now stationed in field offices. The recently organized "Seminar in Agricultural Policies" at Berkeley exemplifies this type of course.

The GS Director, Ass't. Director, and from a casual glance at names, about half the GS faculty and committee members attended this conference.

MORE ACTIVITIES - GS DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

In accordance with plans laid in the fall fundamental stock taking of needs to be met, and a reappraisal of courses is going forward in all departments by small advisory groups, representing cross sections of the Federal service by major fields. A summary of appointments will be included in the next Newsletter.

A faculty committee, organized in December to discuss and decide on all

Course Prerequisites, consisting of A. E. Brandt, SCS; Harold Clark, AAA; Edward Graham, SCS; John Thurston, Administrative Council, and Blake Loring, Naval Research Laboratory, have met and are studying the problem.

Department of Public Administration

The January 2 meeting was devoted to recommendation and selection of members of the advisory groups, organized in November and set up to examine offering and needs in major fields. Chairmen already named to head these advisory groups are: William H. Rowe, James Scammahorn, Allen Manvel, Ashley Seller and H. Dean Cochran.

The Lecture Series Committee, chaired by John Thurston, discussed the six lectures, already tentatively proposed.

Department of Social Sciences

At its January 3rd and 11th meetings with Frederik V. Waugh as Chairman, the agenda of this department involved selection of advisory group members and possible need for a Refresher Education Program in the USDA. Those appointed at a prior meeting to head the advisory groups are: Mordecai Ezekiel, Sherman E. Johnson, Duncan Hall, H. R. Tolley, Carl C. Taylor, Rensis Likert, and Hampton K. Snell.

Department of Office Techniques and Operations

The Departmental Committee of OT & O held two meetings in November and one in January with Strother B. Herrell, as Chairman. Advisory committees, established in four fields to survey course content and consider plans for new courses, have the following chairmen: Harold Clark, Henry A. Donovan, John S. Lucas, and Evelyn H. Dixon. Members for each advisory committee were also selected.

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Department of Mathematics and
Statistics

At a November meeting this Committee, headed by W. Edwards Deming, Chairman, convened. It was felt that since the program in mathematics and statistics had kept pace so well with current needs little reorganization of courses would be necessary. The proposed internship program in mathematical statistics, presented at this time, has been approved by the General Administration Board.

Departmental Committee on Languages
and Literature

Harry B. Humphrey, Chairman, presided over the November meeting at which time it was decided to set up small advisory groups in the fields of English and Literature, Writing and Editing, Speech, and Foreign Languages, for the purpose of studying the general structure of the curriculum and making recommendations.

PERSONALS

New Appointment

Lyle Webster, Ass't. Director, Office of Information, named by the GS General Administration Board to replace Gove Hambidge on the Language and Literature Departmental Committee.

Faculty in South America

Marcus G. Brown (Intermediate Spanish) in Brazil on two months leave from Office of Education. Under the auspices of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs he will visit five cultural institutions, joint projects of Brazil and the U.S., to examine and aid in the program of English teaching.

William H. Madow, Statistician, Bureau of the Census (Modern Analysis of Time Series) leaving January 28 for Brazil where he will serve as Visiting Professor of Statistics at the University of Sao Paulo.

Faculty in Europe

Aaron H. Chute (Auditing) returns this month from the Army's University Center, Biarritz, France, where he has been for several months as Chief of the Marketing Section, supervising the work of 24 other professors besides carrying his own teaching load.

Francis P. Hoeber (Intermediate Statistics) in Germany on leave of absence from OPA to make an economic study and survey of industries.

Makes Speech

Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, GS Director, spoke before the USDA Club in Philadelphia, January 10, on the subject of the opportunities provided by and the work of the Graduate School.

Wedding-Bells

For Barbara A. Perecinic, GS Registrar to Rhea Burrow, Lawyer, Springfield, Tennessee, on December 31, 1945.

MOTION PICTURE PROGRAM

Continuing its policy of sponsoring a monthly program of movies in cooperation with the Office of Motion Picture Service, the Graduate School showed the following pictures on December 20:

1. Sunshine Skiing - gorgeous color picture of the most thrilling of winter sports.
2. Coast to Coast - scenic trip from Canadian Atlantic to the Pacific.

Appointment in Tokyo - scheduled for Thursday, January 24 at 5:40, is a documentary film produced by the War Department, giving an excellent and authentic account of our strategy and campaign in the Pacific from December 1941 to the signing of the Peace Document, September 1945.